

From the Office of Mexican President Vicente Fox



PRESIDENT FOX RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS IN LOS PINOS

(October 2, 2003, Los Pinos, Mexico) – President Vicente Fox today held a private meeting in the official residence of Los Pinos with a delegation from the United States Council of State Governments, led by Governor Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas.

Various items on the Mexico-United States bilateral agenda were discussed during the meeting. There was agreement on the need to carry out joint actions that will bring about greater understanding on migration. Likewise, viewpoints were exchanged on the establishment of mechanisms for cooperation in the field of education.

President Fox referred to Mexico's community plazas and their importance among Mexican communities in the United States.

The president and the visiting delegation agreed to promote economic activity between the states of both countries, availing themselves of the opportunities offered by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The United States delegation also included Colorado Lieutenant Governor, Jane Norton; Idaho Senator, Bart Davis; Minnesota Senator, John Hottinger; Kansas Senator, Paul Feleciano; Massachusetts Representative, Dan Bosley; and New York Assemblyman, Robert Straniere.

Mexico was also represented by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Luis Ernesto Derbez, and Under-Secretary for North America, Gerónimo Gutiérrez.

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